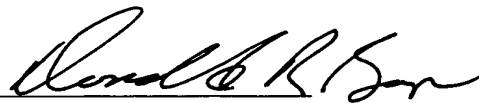


Remarks

The present amendment is a preliminary amendment. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

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